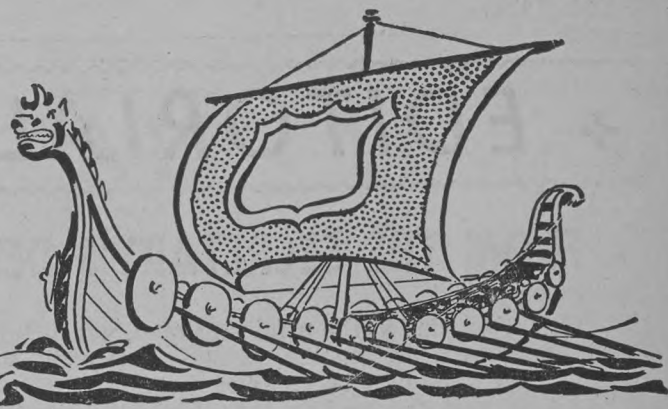


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Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549

The members of Vasa Lodge Skandia enjoyed an active summer. Their park at Pigeon Lake, where the club house is located and several members have their cabins, and which might well be called "Little Sweden", was the centre of many of their enterprises.

Their annual children's week held July 6 to 13 at the lodge park was attended by 55 children, some of whom came from Buford Lodge No. 571 and Nordsjarnan No. 575 of Falun. They received instructions in Swedish Culture, swimming and physical training. For entertainment there were hikes, weiner roasts, treasure hunts and games. The committee in charge, who took care of the feeding of the children as well as planning and supervising their various activities, consisted of 12 members from Skandia Lodge, 5 from Buford and 2 from Falun. They were as follows: Mrs. Ed Bergquist, Mrs. M. Eliasson, Mrs. H. Markstrom, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. Jerry Johnson, Mrs. Sigard Johnson, Mrs. W. D. McMasters, Mrs. Carl Mortenson, Mrs. D. Paulson, Mrs. Jock Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. M. Pearson, all of Edmonton; Mr. and Mrs. Gust Modin, Mrs. Wanda Markstead, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Modin from Buford, and Mrs. Annie Holmlund and Mrs. Elvira Anderson from Falun.

The annual Vasa picnic was held at Vasa Park on Aug. 10. It was well attended and the weather was favorable. Young and old enjoyed a happy day of sports including novelty races, horseshoe pitching contests, water skiing, etc., and the booth on the premises was well patronized. Mr. Sigard Johnson was in charge of arrangements.

Four members of Skandia Lodge No. 549 attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago June 6 to 13. Magnus Pearson was the delegate for Alberta District No. 18. Mrs. M. Pearson, Mrs. Henry Lodge and Mrs. M. Eliasson went as guests.

Skandia Lodge No. 549 commenced the fall program with the regular monthly meeting held at the I.O.O.F. Hall Sept. 6. There was a good attendance. The highlight of the evening was the Awards Ceremonial which followed the meeting when past chairmen of the Lodge were presented with pins. Mrs. Henry Lodge addressed the honored members namely, Julius Hober, Axel Pearson, Folke Johnson, Magnus Pearson, Betty Pearson, Gust Johnson, Knut Engstrom, Bruce Pearson, Eric Engvall, Margaret Eliasson and Eric Pierre. Honor Certificates were then presented to district children who had graduated from the children's group and been admitted to the Skandia Lodge. Margaret Eliasson gave the address and Ruth Bergquist assisted with the presentations. The recipients were Glen Eliasson, Kenneth Pearson, Wayne Modin, Roger Ogren, Audry Holmgren, Doreen Engvall, Bernice Lindberg and Geraldine Johnson. It is to be noted that this award of honor certificates to junior members is the first of its kind in Canadian Vasa history and our lodge is to be commended for taking the initial step in adopting this important ceremony as part of its activities.

A smorgasbord lunch was served

Finnish Society The Academy of Finland Facts About Finland

The Academy of Finland, founded in 1947, is an institution maintained by the State to promote creative work in the arts and sciences. It instates its members as salaried officers without, however, imposing any other duties than their doing the creative work involved in their respective fields and offering guidance to young scientists and artists displaying talent. There are 12 seats in the Academy, 4 being set aside for representatives of the natural sciences, 3 for the abstract sciences, 3 for the arts and letters, the remaining 2 being variable. The members are awarded an annual subsidy beside their salary. Each representative of the sciences has an assistant. Academicians are presidential appointees.

In 1948 the first members of the Academy of Finland were appointed as follows: Waino Aaltonen, sculptor; Yrjo Ilvassalo, forestry research scientist; Eino Kailo, philosopher and psychologist; Yrjo Kiipinen, composer; V. A. Koskeniemi, poet and literary researcher; Onni Okkonen, art historian; Y. H. Toivonen, philologist, specialist in the Finno-Ugrian languages; A. I. Virtanen, biochemist; President of the Academy, Rolf Nevanlinna, mathematician; and Erik Palmen, meteorologist. Since 1951 Yrjo Vaisala, astronomer, is a member.

One of the most conspicuous results of the Academy's activities up to the present has been the setting up, in 1950, of Central State Scientific Commissions to plan and develop scientific research work in Finland.

Finnish Society News

A general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held November 4th at the home of Mr. J. Ramas.

Ajatelmia

Luonto ei tunne jalomielisyyttä. Sen hierarkkisessa järjestelmässä on yksin voima maaraava. Ihmisen historia on tassa mielessä sekin luonnontuote.

Diogeneen lyhty retkellaan maailmanhistorian halki: toivotonmuuten tie!

Ihmisyiden Suuret tragediat voidaan, eliminoimalla pois kaikki paolennainen, kirjoittaa kaavaan: askonveljeys - aseveljeys - rikosveljeys.

Jutustelua:

Tervetuloa lukijakuntaamme! Toivomme etta lehtemme ensimmainen numero miellyttaisi jokaista. Vaikkakin tama lehti on suurimaksi osaksi kirjoitettu englanniksi, niin silti tahan on varattu pieni osa suomeksi kirjoitettua tekstia varten, joten muistakaaamme tama. Kirjoitukset ovat tervetulleita.

Huomasin tassa joku paiva itten etta pieni Suomi on jalleen tullut kuuluisammaksi kahdellakin eri tavalla. Ensiksi luin etta arkitehti Viljo Rewellin luonnos uutta Toronton kaupungin taloa varten on saanut ensimmaisen palkinnon, ja niin ollen se on hyksy. Kilpailuun otti osaa 520 edusta-aa 42:ta eri maasta. Sitten vin Weekendista luvun, joka kasi on suomalaista saunaa. Niin sita pitaa!

Toivon etta jokainen muistaisi

Sons Of Norway Solglyt Lodge

"It's another season and another opening of another show"—So goes a famous line of a well known tune. Only this time it applies to the birth of a news-



TORE SEGELCKE

paper and the opening of the social and festive season once again.

This newspaper, it is hoped, will serve a two-fold purpose. First of course, it will bring news and interesting articles to the Scandinavian people in Edmonton and district. Secondly we believe that a paper such as this will play a great part towards bringing the different lodges together into one closely cemented organization. Through this paper we hope they will show an increased interest in each others affairs, attend each others social functions and work together for a bigger and better lodge.

In the Norwegian Lodge, one of the biggest social functions of the year will be coming up next month when members and their friends sit down for a delicious feed of Lutfisk supper. The dinner will be held in the Masonic Temple on November 15th at 6:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Mrs. K. Sivertsen. Mr. Knut Svidal will be in charge of entertainment and program for the evening. A large orchestra will be on hand so bring along your dancing shoes for a real evening of fun.

Madame Tore Segelcke, perhaps one of Norway's most famous actresses, will arrive in Edmonton on October 30th. She will give a performance and a concert in the Jubilee Auditorium on November 1st. She was born in Tonsberg, Norway and is a member of the National Theatre in Oslo. She represented Norway at the International Drama Festival in Paris in 1956 and also at the Hans

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jarjestamat tanssit, jotka pidetaan McCauleyn haalilla joka kuukauden ensimmaisena perjantaina, aina toukokuuhun asti.

Iloista syksya ja rattoisia iltoja

DANIA (Danish Society)

EDMONTON — A year is gone and Dania is calling again for its annual meeting. It has not been an exceptional year; but I believe we are still going forward, even if it is not as much as we expected. We have still gone forward.

As far as our activities are concerned, I will not take time for that here, but point out that Oct. 29 is the day to remember to come forward with your criticisms of the year that is gone and to vote for those men and women you wish to see on the Board of Directors for Dania for the new year and to give them ideas of how you think Dania should be run.

We have had a lot of criticisms about the Danish Bulletin—that is why the directors have it as a point on the agenda.

Many have suggested we should have a "Studiekreds" started. Others want Dilettant and other things.

Our part in The Scandinavian Centre is a question that also has to be dealt with.

We often hear people ask "How many Danes are in and close to Edmonton?" How many I don't know and we might never know; but if only half of them would be members of Dania, then we could get a strong Danish Klub, that the Danes could benefit from as its task is.

Let us see all of you out for the annual meeting, Oct. 29 in Masonic Temple, so we can get a good start for the new year.

A.A.

The Danish Society "Dania" wishes to extend its sincere congratulations and best wishes to The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited, on the launching of its new venture, the Scandinavian Centre News. It is our opinion that this publication will be of great value to the Scandinavian Centre as a means of keeping the public aware of its existence and informed of its progress. To the various Scandinavian clubs and lodges the Scandinavian Centre News should be of great help in bringing the Scandinavian people closer together. Good Luck!

On Nov. 8 the Danish Society "Dania" is holding a dance in the South Side Legion auditorium 10416-81 Ave., commencing at 8:30 p.m. This dance is for the benefit of the society and we would like very much to see as many of the Scandinavian people as possible that evening.

There will be a big door prize so it will be worth your while to come. Just think, if you should be the lucky one, besides having a good time. You have nothing to lose but a lot to gain by attending this dance.

Remember the date, Saturday, Nov. 8. Hope to see you!

The Danish Society
"Dania's" Directors.

One of the filmstars in Hollywood went to one of the better shoe stores returning a pair of shoes she had bought a few days ago.

I don't like these shoes, I cannot walk with them.

People, who have to walk, should not buy shoes from us. Replied

Icelandic Society

The annual Icelandic picnic was held at Victoria Park. The day was warm and sunny and a large crowd attended including several from out of the city. The kiddies enjoyed an afternoon of races with prizes, ice cream and soft drinks for all. The horse shoe pitching contest proved very popular with the men. Mr. S. Samson gave a short talk and introduced the new queen who this year is Miss Illa Arnfinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Arnfinson of Wetskiwin. She looked very lovely and queen-like in the traditional blue robe and crown. Last year's queen was Miss Irene Hendrickson. The perfect afternoon came to a close with coffee and a basket lunch. The success of this year's picnic was the results of hard work and planning by the president, Mr. Hendrickson and his able committee consisting of Mr. Sumarlidason, A. Arnfinson, F. Arnfinson, W. Halldorson and Mrs. J. Hendrickson.

The Ven. W. N. Nainby, Mrs. Nainby and son Roger are leaving shortly to take up residence in Port Hope, Ont. The Icelandic population extend their warmest good wishes and hope they will be very happy in their new home. The Rev. Nainby has served Edmonton Icelanders most faithfully and it is with regret that we see him leave.

A baby daughter, Lori Ila was born to Flying Officer and Mrs. L. B. Chmelyk (nee Joan Hendrickson) September 22, 1958 in Baden-Soellingen, Germany. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Hendrickson.

Mrs. Belle Hogan, mother of A. L. Arneson, Queen's Road is expected home shortly from an extended tour of British Columbia coast, Washington state and Wisconsin.

Mr. Victor Janssen accompanied the winners of the 4-H Clubs to an International gathering in Montana in the month of August.

The Icelandic Society will select a correspondent for the Scandinavian Centre News at the next meeting, Thursday, Oct. 30. Until then anyone having news of interest to Scandinavians in general and Icelanders in particular, please phone or write to Mr. J. Hendrickson, 9526-75 Ave. phone 333337, or Mrs. C. A. Smith, 11547-91 Street, phone 775557.

There will be a general meeting of the Icelandic Society on October 30th commencing at 8:00 p.m. at the Gas Company auditorium, 104 Street. Lunch will be served and a film will be shown of the picnic.

KVEDJA AD HEIMAN
Dost remember childhood's pathway?
Troed on Iceland's wondrous shore?
Dost remember warmth of springtime
snow on mountains melt away?
Dost recall, down deep, dark gorges,
sparkling waters white with spray?
Wondrous fair was all around you,
Waterfalls, spring's roundelay!

Dost remember vales flow'r scented meadows lush with bursting seed,
Lilies gold on glittering waters,
Robust reapers on the mead.

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+ EDITORIAL +

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Shakespeare said:

"There's a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune". On such a tide did we Scandinavians find ourselves on October 4, 1953. It seemed as if all of us through our various clubs, and through the impetus of the sponsors of the Scandinavian program thought the time was ripe to create a Scandinavian Centre in our midst, and so representatives of our various clubs met at the YMCA on the evening of the aforementioned date. We feel we made history that night, as we began to deliberate and form committees for action.

Five years have now passed and the foundations have been well laid. We are now properly organized for action under the name of "The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited" with a paid-up membership of 209. We have approximately \$15,000 in a trust fund at the National Trust Company.

A word about our Board of Directors. Originally they were nine in number, but this subsequently was increased to eleven. They serve for a term of three years, and each in his turn has served faithfully on your behalf without compensation of any kind. The present board of directors is as follows: K. L. Svidal, president; S. A. Sorenson, secretary and director of share selling; E. K. Hansen, treasurer and solicitor; Mrs. Vera Nielsen, director of social activities; Art Anderson, director of exhibition booth; Anders Anderson, director of publicity; G. L. Larson, vice-president and director of buildings and sites; O. S. Franzen, assistant director of buildings and sites; J. Luoma, assitsant director of exhibtion booth; J. Rama, assistant director of share selling; M. Eliasson, assistant secretary.

Our chief concern has been and still is the securing of a suitable site for our centre. During 1958 the City of Edmonton gave us a choice of various sites and your Board of Directors unanimously chose the Borden Park site. We are at present negotiating with the city in this regard. Dr. Minso has prepared suitable plans for the proposed centre; while Messrs. Anders Anderson and Orland Simmons constructed a most attractive model.

With all this ground work laid, what are we waiting for? First, we must secure the site for the centre. Secondly, we must launch an aggressive share-selling campaign for the funds. Will you be prepared to help when the time comes?

And finally a word about our latest project — **this Scandinavian Paper**. There was a growing feeling during 1958 that there was a great need in our midst for such a paper. And so it was that under the leadership of our publicity director, Anders Anderson, a committee was formed to look into the possibilities of such a venture. Our hearty congratulations must go to the fine work of this committee whose names will appear elsewhere in this publication.

May we especially thank Mrs. Simmons for having taken the responsibility as editor-in-chief. Let us help to make her task lighter. Members of our groups — co-operate with your correspondents, so that they in turn may co-operate with the editor. Readers of this paper — won't you write or phone your editor, giving her constructive criticism and praises of the work. A word of praise goes a long way towards rewarding those who toil for our pleasure and enjoyment.

S. A. SORENSON—Secretary.

A PAPER IS BORN

It is with a mixed feeling of apprehension and humility that we present this our first issue of the Scandinavian Centre News. This endeavor has meant considerable planning and organizing by a group of citizens who have little or no experience in the field of newspaper work and so it is somewhat of a venture into the unknown and the untried. We have placed our best efforts into this project but realize the results to be far from perfect. We quote an old saying that goes something like this: "He who makes no mistakes, does nothing," and would ask that you keep it in mind when reading our paper.

We are full of hope that thru this publication something of value may be achieved in fusing together in greater friendship and co-operation a cross-section of the Scandinavian peoples in our community and to draw out from the groups and individuals the best that is in them, and then combine these characteristics and employ them toward reaching a common goal which in time should be a heritage to future generations and a real contribution to this, our adopted land, of which we are a part.

We wish you would write us if you have an idea for improvement of this paper and we promise that your suggestions will be given due consideration.

Many thanks to our advertisers (without whom our venture would fail), and to those who have sent in news and other material of interest. May we have your continued support. If you hear of any newsworthy event or happening, please pass it along to the correspondent of the group to which you are affiliated, or to the editor. The readers are urged to patronize our advertisers whenever possible, and in so doing, contribute to the progress and prosperity of our paper.

A word of apology to those of our readers who looked forward to seeing a portion of this paper printed in their native language. We regret to say that unforeseen difficulties have been encountered in this connection and until these can be overcome we ask for your indulgence.

Events Of The Year From The Centre

This year has been a most eventful one for the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association. It began with the election of five directors, namely Knut Svidal, Jack Luoma, Mrs. Vera Neilson, Anders Anderson and E. K. Hansen. The auditors for 1958 are Per Gisvold and Eskil Carlson.

With Sigurd Sorenson on the building committee, renewed effort was plunged into the negotiations with the City of Edmonton for property on which the Scandinavian Centre would be built.

In the later part of January the annual program and dance was held at the Jubilee Auditorium. The winners of the draw were Verna Kvarnberg for the TV set; John Sather the clock radio and Raul Nyros the mantel radio.

Previous to the Edmonton Exhibition, Art Anderson directed alterations to the Exhibition booth. This was the fourth year the Scandinavian Centre booth has operated during exhibition week and for each year the net returns have increased over the previous one which points to the fact that it is gaining in popularity as the public become aware of its existence and have partaken of the excellent coffee and food served by the ladies in charge.

For the past four years the Scandinavian Centre has entered a float in the exhibition parade. They won the Connolly Trophy for two successive years and this year were runners up on the same. This is given for the best non-commercial float entered in the parade.

In July the annual Scandinavian picnic was held at Elk Island Park under the direction of Sigard Franzen with all the ethnic groups contributing to the evening program.

Beginning May 16th throughout the summer and fall, meetings were held for the organization of the Scandinavian Centre News. We sincerely hope this medium will be used by all persons to promote a closer tie between the Scandinavian groups.

On October 7 the Board of Directors held a luncheon at the Royal George Hotel Cafe to which were invited the following guests: Eric Pierre, Sigurd Johnson, Eskil Carlson, Leonard Peterson, Helmer Amdam, Ellsworth Helberg, Peter Sorensen, Sven Christenson, Toivo Laurell, Mrs. Ann Sahuri, Mrs. Alice Fletcher, Arne Johannessen, A. Lefsrud, J. G. Henrickson, and Mrs. F. O. Simmons. The directors in attendance were S. A. Sorenson, O. S. Franzen, Art Anderson, Anders Anderson, Knut Svidal, Gus Larson, John Rama, ack Louma, and Mrs. M. Eliasson who attended in her husband's absence.

After a sumptuous dinner the toastmaster, O. S. Franzen welcomed the guests and President Knut Svidal gave the opening address. S. A. Sorenson, secretary, gave a summary report of the Scandinavian Centre movement since its beginning in 1953. He stressed the need for this centre in Edmonton where Scandinavians from this city and the outlying communities could meet in a friendly atmosphere and where the different clubs and lodges could hold their social events as well as business and cultural activities.

Mrs. Eliasson pointed out that there were 8,000 of a Scandinavian population in Edmonton in 1951

and that it would be estimated at 10,000 at the present time with an approximate 70,000 in the province of Alberta. The Finnish population was given as 220 for Edmonton and 3,000 for Alberta.

Anders Anderson, director of publicity, displayed the model of the proposed centre, outlining its many attractive features. The main floor displayed an auditorium with a seating capacity of 800, a cafeteria and smorgasbord and reading room and library and the ground floor to include five club rooms, gymnasium, steam baths, lockers and boiler room.

Mrs. Simmons, editor of the newspaper, gave a brief account of the progress made and problems encountered in the setting up of the paper. The name Scandinavian Centre News, as recommended by the newspaper committee was approved by the directors and guests.

Mrs. Fletcher pointed out that the Norwegian Ladies' Club had reserved the Hudson Bay Co. tea room for April 11, 1959 but it was her wish that the Scandinavian Centre take over this afternoon and go all out to make it a real success.

Mr. Lefsrud, representing the Buford Vasa Lodge, was called on to speak and gave his views on the influence the Centre should have in the city and community in promoting Scandinavian culture

and arts and keeping them alive for the benefit of posterity. He said he was interested in the paper and Mrs. Simmons assured him that the members of the Buford Lodge and other Ccandina-vians in his district were included in the mailing list of the Scandinavian Centre News.

A discussion on fund raising and selling of shares followed. There were suggestions from some quarters that the \$50.00 now being asked per share is too high, and it was countered that in most other worthwhile ventures shares were sold at a much higher figure. It was agreed by the meeting that each club and lodge, at its next meeting, should elect or appoint its own Scandinavian Centre Committee to work with the central committee in promoting sales of shares and business in general. It was felt that through these branch committees a greater number of people could be reached and their interests aroused to the end that the Centre should become a reality in the not too distant future.

Mr. Carlson moved a vote of thanks to the hosts of the dinner and Mr. Svidal gave the closing remarks on behalf of the committee, drawing a successful evening to a close.

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Vasa Lodge

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followed by dancing to the strains of a "hobo" orchestra.

Dan Cupid had a busy season in our midst as at least seven members of the Skandia Lodge climbed aboard the ship of matrimony amid all the fanfare of showers, receptions, rice and old shoes. Congratulations and all the best. At this rate the Swedish race should never perish.

It has been announced that a former member of our Vasa Junior Club, Irene Hokenson, now residing in Vancouver, will be married Nov. 1. Irene will have the honor of being the first bride in Canada to wear the traditional Vasa bridal crown. This crown was a gift to Canadian Vasa Lodges by Dr. Bergstrom of Sweden at the Grand Lodge convention in Chicago. Margaret Eliasson, District Supervisor of Junior Clubs for Alberta, was

Gardeners Reminder for October

Plant spring-flowering bulbs — especially tulips.

Transplant trees and deciduous shrubs.

Plant rose bushes.

Collect leaves and old plants for compost. Burn diseased debris.

Dig dahlias and canna clumps after first killing frost. Cure in sun.

Dig gladioli corms and cure for storage.

Sow hardy-annual seeds.

Put hardware — cloth guards around fruit trees to protect them from rabbits.

After frost, collect and store squash and pumpkins.

Prepare site for planting living Christmas tree. Protect from winter weather.

Clean and dry all garden stakes. Treat them with a wood preservative.

Put up wild-bird feeding stations and start a regular, winter-long feeding program.

Autumn Song

The autumn song is the song of the leaves

As they dance in the breeze on their way to the ground,

It is gay at times with the colors it weaves

In the magical carpet of mystical sound.

The autumn song is the song of the birds,

As they raise their voices in chorus of flight.

It is sad as the strains of farewell without words

By the whirl of their wings as they pass in the night.

The autumn song is a song in our hearts

For the passing of seasons in life's varied tone,

It is gay, it is sad, and nostalgic in parts,

As the short days remind us that summer is gone.

—Elsie Simmons.

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the recipient on behalf of the Lodge and anyone wishing to see it or have the use of same should get in touch with her.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Skandia Lodge held its first meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Martha Kay on Sept. 12. The main item for discussion was the coffee party and sale of home baking and aprons which was held at the Bay Auditorium Sept. 29. These coffee parties have become an annual event of the early fall season and are well patronized by members and friends of the Vasa Order.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pearson had as their guests recently, Mr. Pearson's brother Ossian Pearson and his young daughter Kirstine from Sweden.

Also visiting from Sweden was Miss Svea Pearson at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Erickson.

Members of our lodge who visited Sweden during the past season were Mrs. A. Nelson, Mrs. Emil Skarin, Herman Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Lennart Petersson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graneth, Olaf Nordstrom and Paul Nyroos.

Glen Eliasson is attending the University of British Columbia this season. We wish him every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lundgren of Kamloops, B.C. were visitors at Mrs. Lundgren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Erickson, also they visited Mr. Lundgren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lundgren of Goodridge. Harold went on a goose hunt at Veteran before returning

COMING EVENTS

A Lutfisk Dinner, sponsored by the Sons of Norway, and one of the seasons biggest events, will be held in the Masonic Temple Saturday, Nov. 15, commencing at 6 p.m. Tickets are available from members of the Sons of Norway Lodge and at the door.

Tore Segelcke, renowned Norwegian actress will arrive in Edmonton Oct. 30. She will give a

home via the United States.

With the advent of winter and its acceleration of social activities, the Vasa Ladies Drill Team has swung into action. Sixteen girls comprise the team. They met for their initial practice on Sept. 28. Under the able leadership of Bud Smith and accordion accompaniment by Roger Ogren, it promises to become a well organized supplement to our Lodge initiation ceremonies.

Members of Vasa Lodge Skandia held their October meeting at the I.O.O.F. Temple Saturday, Oct. 4. After dealing with the business at hand, three new members were admitted to the lodge. They were Mrs. Lennart Petersson, Nils Timo and Kenneth Bergquist. Kenneth was a former member of the Junior Club. The drill team led by Bud Smith took part in the initiation ceremonial with Mrs. L. Taylor at the piano and Roger Ogren, accordion.

Following the initiation exercise a smorgasbord lunch was served by the ladies after which the members enjoyed a whist drive.

concert and performance in the social room of the Jubilee Auditorium Saturday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. A reception for all those attending will be held following the concert. Tickets are available from Mrs. Sivertson, Phone 25590 or Rm. 600 McLeod Block, Phone 20611. Admission, \$1.50.

Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549 will hold their next meeting on Nov. 1 at the I.O.O.F. Hall. Lunch will be served and a dance will follow to which everybody is welcome.

The Finnish Society will hold a bazaar and dance at McCauley Hall, 95 St. and 108 Ave., on Nov. 7.

The annual Smorgasbord, concert and dance sponsored by Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held at the Masonic Temple Nov. 22, commencing 5:30 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Sons of Norway

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Christian Anderson 150th Anniversary that same year.

She is a Knight of the First Degree of the Norwegian Order of St. Olav as well as a Commander of the Icelandic Falcon Order. She holds the Finnish Lion Order — Pro Finlandia and the Norwegian and Swedish Kings Medal in gold. She married the Oslo surgeon, Anton Raabe in 1945.

After her opening night in New York, the New York Times had this to say: "Tore Segelcke keeps the drama on a high level of artistic perception. She is so thoroughly the mistress of acting that the details of characterizations are absorbed, by instinct, into emotions greater than the incidents they portray. She is an artist of first rank." Miss Segelcke will also appear on CFRN-TV on the Laura Lindsey show on October 30th.

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BRUCE WILHELM PEARSON

Brother Bruce Wilhelm Pearson, 12452-125 Street, Edmonton, Alta., passed away in an Edmonton hospital Oct. 19, 1958. He was born in Lundskona, Sweden, Nov. 23, 1902 and came to Canada in 1928. He joined Vasa Lodge Skandia November, 1929, being a Charter member. Always a tireless and faithful worker, Brother Pearson will be deeply mourned by all. He served as Chairman of the Lodge from time to time and as Secretary, besides taking the leadership in the Children's Club and cultural activities. He was also a member of Alberta District Lodge No. 18 where he served as Secretary. As one of the original founders of the Vasa Park at Pigeon Lake, he helped to make it the success it is today, with a Lodge Club House and 26 cottages.

Brother Pearson was a member of the Bricklayers and Masons International Union of America in Edmonton for 16 years.

Surviving are his loving wife, a

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daughter, Mrs. (Lillian) Collins of Edmonton, and a son, Kenneth, at home besides his father, Olaf Persson, a brother, Ossian Persson, three sisters, Mrs. Marie Erickson, Mrs. Astrid Persson and Mrs. Gerda Olin, all in Sweden.

The funeral service was held Thursday at 1:15 p.m. at the Foster and McGarvey Funeral Chapel. Pastor Donald Sjoborg officiated with interment in the Westlawn Memorial Park. The Vasa Order Ritual was performed and pallbearers were Ed Bergqvist, Andrew Ogren, Willard Modin, Bud Holmgren, Oscar Pearson and Mons Eliasson. Honorary pallbearers were Julius Hober, Folke Johnson, Magnus Pearson, Erick Engvall, Gust Johnson and Knut Engstrom.

BERGUF STALSBERG

Brother Berguf Stalsberg of Edmonton, passed away suddenly Oct. 15, 1958. Born in Norway,

March 24, 1900, he came to Canada in 1927 when he settled in the Wetaskiwin district and after two years moved to Breton where he homesteaded until 1942 when he moved to Edmonton. He joined the Vasa Lodge Skandia in 1957. His wife predeceased him in 1938. He is survived by a son and daughter residing in South Burnaby, B.C. Interment took place in Wetaskiwin.

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Silver rivers through the valley,
Quiet eve in sunset's glow?
Shepherd small, contented, happy
homeward wends with hearts
aglow.

Dost remember grass blades
shimm'ring,
touched by autumn's fingertips?
Dost through mem'rys gilded
dreaming
glimpse the land, all fairest then?
Seemed all newly fair, fresh
gleaming,
as the sun it's rays spread o'er?
Glint on snow and fields
transcending.
Gifts from God's own loving hand.

Dost remember sombre winter
Dost remember sunbeams bright?
Dost remember treasured candles
Childhood's glowing Christmas
lights?
Past the dark enfolding portals
Dost remember realms of light

Unfolding in the starlit heavens,
And mother whispering prayers at
night?

From the shore on zephyrs wafted
like a pray'r, from out your breast,
Childhood memories entwining
bands engraven—"Mother's best".
We at home regards are sending
Hoping that your hearts be
touched.
Sure 'tis God will ne'er forget thee,
In your hearts keep my dear land.

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